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GOV. EASLEY TO ANNOUNCE 2002 NAEP WRITING SCORES

RALEIGH—Gov. Mike Easley will join State Board of Education Chairman Howard N. Lee and State Superintendent Mike Ward to announce North Carolina's results on the National Assessment of Educational Progress' (NAEP) 2002 Writing Assessment in the fourth and eighth grades at **11 a.m. on Thursday (July 10) in the State Board of Education Conference Room at the Department of Public Instruction Building (301 N. Wilmington St.) in Raleigh.**

Last month, Easley announced that North Carolina's fourth and eighth-graders performed above the southeastern and national averages on the 2002 NAEP reading exam. North Carolina students made more progress than the nation in both the fourth and eighth grades.

NAEP, also referred to as "The Nation's Report Card," is recognized as the most nationally representative assessment of what students know and are able to do in various subject areas. Writing results were last released in 1999 for the 1998 assessment.

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